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Here you may see that all Gods People were a living and a sensible People, and did always for all things give thanks to God the Father, in the Name of Jesus Christ.

And such as were unholy, past feeling, and unsensible, having a form of Godliness, but denying the power thereof, were unthankful, and to be turned away from, and that such went in *Cain's*, *Corah's* and *Baalams* way, who did feed themselves without the fear of God, and were like the Idolatrous *Jews* who forgot God, and did Eat and Drink, and rose up to Play; and how that God destroyed such who were unthankful and unsensible of his Temporal and Spiritual Mercies.

The Lord said unto his People that were acquainted with him, and knew him, *That when they gathered together their Corn and their Wine, &c. They should Eat it and Drink it in the Court of my Holiness, and praise the Lord, Isaiah 62. 8, 9.*

So here you may see, they that gathered together that which the Lord gave the encrease of, they were to Eat it and Drink it in the Court of the Lords Holiness, and praise him, and they that gather the encrease of the Lords Fruits, and do eat them, they should be sensible of the holiness of his Courts, who filleth Heaven and Earth, who is worthy of all Praise and Glory for all his Mercies; and they that Eat and Drink that which the Lord, who hath made them, hath provided, are to be sensible in his Spirit that he is worthy of all Thanks and Praises, and so are not to be like the Idolatrous *Jews* who forgot the Lord and his great Power and Mercies, who had done such great things for them both in *Egypt*, and in delivering them out of *Egypt*, who after *Sat down to Eat and Drink, and rose up to Play*, 1 Cor. 10. 7. Num. 25. 9.

And there you may see what became of all those who did not Eat and Drink in the Courts of Gods holiness, and praise the Lord; and they that did and do forsake the right way of the Lord, and do go in the way of *Cain*, *Corah* and *Baalams*, are they that do feed themselves without the fear of God, such are the wandering Stars from the Firmament of Gods power, and are Trees that do not bear Fruit to God, and are Clouds, for people to stare at, without Water, and raging waves of the Sea foaming out their own shame, as in *Jude 12, 13.* And

such were not, nor are not like to praise God in the Court of his holiness for his daily Mercies they receive from him; such look not after their way, whether it be the way of the Lord, or the way of *Cain*; and they which be in the way of *Cain*, *Corah* and *Baalam* eat the bread of Idleness, and are in the destroying Spirit; but they that be in the way of the Lord, praise him for his Blessings, Riches and Mercies that he daily giveth to them.

And you may see how the Christians when they were converted unto Christ, did eat their *Meat* with gladness and singleness of heart, praising God, Acts. 2. 46, 47.

And the Apostle saith to the Church of Christ, *Whatsoever ye do, do it heartily as to the Lord.* And again the Apostle saith, *Whatsoever ye do in Word or Deed, do all in the Name of the Lord Jesus [Mark] in the Name of the Lord Jesus;* then ye must live in his Grace which giveth a sense of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father by him, Col. 3. 17, 23.

So here you may see there is nothing is to be done in Word or Deed, but all is to be done in the Name of the Lord Jesus, and to give thanks to God the Father by him.

And again the Apostle saith to the Church of Christ, *Whether ye do Eat, or Drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God,* 1 Cor. 10. 31.

Now, all that profess themselves Christians, and Members of the Church of Christ, consider this, whether ye Eat or Drink, or whatsoever else ye do, that ye do all to the Glory of God; so ye are neither to Eat nor Drink, nor do any other thing but to the Glory of God, so that he may have the thanks, glory and praise through Jesus Christ, who Created all things for his Glory by Jesus Christ.

For the Apostle saith, *The unthankful, unholy, without natural affections, truce breakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce disposers of them that are good, having a form of Godliness, but denying the power thereof;* from such the Apostle commands the Church of Christ to turn away, 2 Tim. 3. So the Members of Christ have no unity with such unthankful, unholy, and truce breakers.

And the Apostle saith, *Give thanks always for all things unto God the Father in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ,* Eph. 5. 20.

So always, in all things, to give thanks to God the Father, in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, showing forth, that you are a feeling, and a sensible People of the mercies of the Lord through Christ Jesus, who is worthy of all Thanks, Glory, Honour and Praise, for ever,

How the Lord spake unto Moses in the outward Tabernacle in the Old Testament, and God speaks now by his Son in the New Testament, in the Tabernacle and Hearts of his People.

THE Lord said unto Moses, when he and the Jews were to make the Tabernacle, *Thou shalt put the Mercy-seat above the Ark, and in the Ark thou shalt put the Testimony that I shall give thee, and there I will meet with thee, and I will Commune with thee from the Mercy-seat, from between the two Cherubins which are upon the Ark of the Testimony of all things which I shall give thee in Commandment unto the Children of Israel, Exod. 25. 21, 22.*

And when Moses was gone into the Tabernacle, &c. to speak with the Lord, then he heard the voice of God speaking unto him from the Mercy-seat which was upon the Arke of the Testimony, and here the Lord spake to Moses in the Tabernacle, as in Numb. 7. 89.

And when the Cloud did abide upon the Tabernacle the Children of Israel abode in their Tents; and when the Cloud was taken off the Tabernacle, then the Children of Israel journeyed; so at the Commandment of the Lord they journeyed, and kept their Tents, Numb. 9. 20. And the Glory of the Lord filled the Tabernacle, Exod. 40. 34, 35.

Here you may see the Lord spoke to Moses in the Tabernacle, and communed with him there, and what the Lord did spake to him in the Tabernacle he was to spake it to the Children of Israel, and the Testimony which the Lord gave to Moses was in the Tabernacle; and was not the Candle-stick put in the Tabernacle which Moses was to make in the old Testament? and the Jews were not to go on their Journey into the Land of Canaan but at the Commandment of God, and the Lord said to Moses, *I will meet with you in the Tabernacle, Numb. 17. 4. And the Stranger that cometh nigh the Tabernacle shall be put to Death.*

And the Lord bid Nathan go tell David, *That Since the time that I brought the Children out of Egypt, even unto this day, that he had walked in a Tent, and in a Tabernacle, 2 Sam. 7. 6. And Solomon built an outward Temple, 2 Chron. 3. In which Temple the Lord appeared unto the*

Jews, in all those outward things which the Lord did command *Moses* and his Servants to make, the Lord did appear in them in the old Covenant and old Testament (which were Figures and Shadows of Christ the Substance, and of his Spiritual House and Church in the new Testament) and were commanded in the Law, and served till Christ the great Prophet came in the new Covenant and new Testament, who is to be heard in all things, and he the Substance putteth an end to all those Figures and Shadows in the Law and old Testament, as namely the outward Tabernacle, Ark, Sanctuary and Temple, which were outward, and made with hands, where the Lord had formerly spoke to the *Jews* in the old Testament and old Covenant; and in the new Testament God speaketh to his Believers by his Son, as in *Heb. 1.* And Christ Jesus enlighteneth every Man and Woman that cometh into the World, that is, he enlighteneth the Spirit of Man and Woman, which is the Candle of the Lord in every Mans and Womans Tabernacle, that there they might here God speaking to them by his Son, by his Light, Grace and Spirit from Heaven, at his Mercy-seat; and whatever any Man or Woman receiveth from God through Christ, they receive it in their Tabernacle, and there is a witness and a sense of it in their Tabernacle or Temple, where the Glory of the Lord appeareth; and Christ Jesus doth rule in their hearts, in their Tabernacle, and the Lord pouring out of his Spirit upon all Flesh, Men and Women, all that have received the Spirit of God, they are sensible of it, and its motions in their Tabernacle; and they that are led by the Spirit of God, they are sensible of Gods Spirit leading to the Land of the Living, and in this every one knows the voice and command of God from the Stranger and his voice, that must not come into the Tabernacle, but that must be mortified and killed, and by the Spirit of God; and every one that receiveth the Grace of God which bringeth Salvation, and hath appeared unto all men, they are sensible of this Grace and Favour of God in their Tabernacle, and of their growing in Grace, and receiving more Grace from the throne of Grace; and Christ being the Author and Finisher of the holy divine precious Faith in Man and Woman, every one that receiveth it are sensible of it in their Tabernacle, and of Christ the Author and Finisher of that Faith, and every one that believeth in the Light which Christ enlightens their Spirits withal, which is the Candle of the Lord in their Tabernacle, and so become Children of the Light, and in Christs Light they see more Light, and it shineth more and more untill

till the perfect day, and of this every Child of Light is sensible and hath a Testimony or Witness of this in their Temple or Tabernacle, in the new Testament, and do know that their Bodies are the Temples of the holy Ghost, and of God, and Christ; and the Gospel being preached to or in every Creature under Heaven, every Man and Woman that receiveth this Gospel of Life and Salvation are sensible, and have a Testimony or Witness of it in their Temple or Tabernacle; and all that receive Gods Mercies and Blessings from above, and Tenderneſs, and Kindneſs, and Gifts from God, and Christ that ascended on high, and of the Love of God shed in their hearts, they have a sensible Witness or Testimony of these things in their Tabernacle and Temple, and there is ascending praises to God on high from the Spirit of God in their Tabernacle and Temple, from whom they do receive infinite Mercies and Blessings; so if they do Pray in Spirit, and Sing in the Spirit to God, who is a Spirit, it is in the Tabernacle and Temple where the Spirit of God and Christ is within, and the Word of Faith, Life and Patience is in the Heart and Mouth to obey it, and to do it, and the anointing is within to teach God's People, and they need no man to teach, but as it teacheth, and this Teacher of God's People is within the Temple and Tabernacle, in the new Testament and Covenant, so that they need not run to the old Covenant and Testament, and to outward Sanctuaries and Temples made with hands, and to those outward Teachers that may be removed into a corner; and the holy Ghost that proceeds from the Father and Son, that leadeth the true Believers into all Truth, this Leader is in the Tabernacle and Temple; and in the new Covenant and Testament, God writeth his Law in the hearts of People, and puts it in their minds, whereby all may know the Lord, that they need not teach every man his Neighbour, saying know the Lord, for all from the greatest to the least shall know the Lord, and this knowledge of the Lord is known in every mans Temple and Tabernacle, in the new Covenant; for there is no Man nor Woman, from the highest to the lowest, that hath any sence or understanding, or knowledge of the Mercies and Goodness of the Lord, but it is by his Light and Spirit in their Tabernacle or Temple, all who are sensible of the heavenly Dew and the small Rain, and the showers of the Mercies of the Lord, they are sensible of them by the tender plant in their Tabernacle or Temple to his praise, and all those who are Ministers of Christ, and none can be Ministers of Christ, or Preachers of Christ, and of his Word, Faith and

Gospel, or Word of Life, or of the Grace of God, or be made Ministers of the Spirit, except they have received these things from God and Christ by his Spirit in their Tabernacle and Temple; I say from God and Christ in their Tabernacle and Temple, then they can declare what Spiritual things they have received from the Lord in their Tabernacle and Temple, then such are Ministers of the Spirit, and Sowers to the Spirit in others, in their Tabernacle, which can apprehend the things of God, and discern them; so as every one hath received freely the gift from the Lord in their Tabernacle and Temple by his Spirit, let them Minister it freely to others; and if they have not received it from the Lord into their Tabernacle and Temple by his Spirit, and have no Testimony and Witness of it in their Tabernacles, they are not Ministers of Christ nor God, but are Ministers of the Letter, which others have spoken forth from the Spirit of God in their Temple or Tabernacle, who was the Voice and Mouth of God, as God spake by the Mouth of all his holy Men and Women, in their Tabernacle, such were and are the Ministers of God and Christ in all Ages and Generations.

And Christ who doth enlighten every Man and Woman that cometh into the World (that is) he doth enlighten every Man and Woman's Spirit, which is the Candle of the Lord in their Temple or Tabernacle, and how often do the Wicked, by turning from the Light of Christ, which enlightens their Candles, by their hating the Light of Christ, and going away from it into evil Deeds and Works, and loving the Darkness more than the Light, put out their Candle, their Spirit, which Christ hath enlightened? and when the Candle is put out, their Houses are Houses of Darkness, full of Darkness, Spiritual Egypt, and do Oppress and Persecute the Jew inward; and such whose Candle is put out, they are gone from the Light, and they seek to bring all others from the Light, and put out their Candles, in drawing their Minds and Spirits from the Light of Christ that doth enlighten them, and call the Light of Christ, which enlightens their Spirits (which are the Candles of the Lord, in their Temple and Tabernacle) a natural, created and made Light, or a natural Conscience, which Light is the Life in Christ by which all things were made and Created, and thus they go about in their Error of Darkness, who have put out their own Candles, and seek to put out the Candles of others, who seek to shut up the Kingdom of Heaven from men, who are shut out of the Kingdom of Heaven themselves, and hate the Light, the Kingdom

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dom of God and Christ, and the Light of the heavenly *Jerusalem*, and love the Darknes, and the Kingdom of Darknes more then the Light and Kingdom of Christ, and all those Teachers, or Preachers, or Professors, or Profaine that call the Light (which is the Life in Christ the Word, by which all things were made and Created) a natural Light, and a created Light, and a made Light, or a natural Conscience, or a Jack in the Wist, or a dark Lanthorn, they have put out their Candle which Christ hath lighted in their Tabernacle, and they seek to put out the Candle of others in their Tabernacles, in drawing them from the Light, which is the Life in Christ, which enlightened their Candle, the Spirit of man in their Tabernacle, for it is the Light of Christ that shineth in their heart, which enlighteneth the Spirit of man, the Candle of the Lord in their Tabernacle, that giveth the Light of the knowledg of the Glory of God in the Face of Christ Jesus, 2 Cor. 4.

And the Lord said to *Abraham*, *I will Bless them that Bless thee, and Curse them that Curse thee; and in thee and thy Seed shall all the Nations, or all the Families of the Earth be Blessed*, Gen. 12. 3 and 18. 18.

So here the World shall receive by the Seed, which is Christ, the Blessings which they lost in fallen *Adam*, for Christ who bruises the Serpents Head, who destroyeth the Devil and his Works, who making Peace, through the Blood of his Cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself, by him, (I say) whether they be things in the Earth or things in Heaven, *Colles. 1. 20.*

And Christ by the Grace of God tasted Death for every man, Heb. 2. 9.

For as all men dyed in Adam, even so in Christ shall all be made alive; and so by man came Death (namely Adam) and by man came also the Resurrection of the Dead (namely Christ) 1 Cor. 15. 21, 22.

So here you may see all dyed in *Adam*, then they are dead from eternal Life, but Christ by the Grace and Favour of God to mankind (that is dead in *Adam*) tasted Death for every man, so he hath Ransomed them, and Purchased them by his Death, out of the Death of *Adam* in the Fall, into the Life that Man and Woman were in before they Fell, and into himself that never fell; and Christ doth enlighten every man that cometh into the World, with his divine heavenly Light, which is the Life in Christ the Word, by whom all things were made, that with his Light in their hearts, all Men and Women may know Christ Jesus that hath Redeemed them, and dyed for them and their Sins and Trespases, and is risen for their Justification.

And

And God having poured out of his Spirit of Grace upon all Flesh, that by his Spirit they might know and see the things of God, and his Glory, and with the Spirit of Grace they might see Gods Love and Favour to them in Christ Jesus, and how that they are dead in fallen *Adam*, and how that they are made alive again by Christ Jesus the second *Adam*, the Lord from Heaven, and how that Christ is their Resurrection from the Dead, into the Life Everlasting in him, and how Christ doth awaken them out of the Sleep of Sin and Death in *Adam*, and bringeth them into his everlasting Righteousness, that they may praise God through Jesus Christ.

And in the old Covenant and old Testament, for the Sins and transgressions of Man and Woman, the Clean Beasts and other Creatures were put to Death, and their Blood was shed, and they were offered as a Sacrifice for the Sins and Transgressions of the People, and their Blood was sprinkled upon the People and the Tabernacle, and almost all things were by the Law purged with Blood, and without shedding of Blood is no Remission of Sin; so here the Blood of the clean Creatures were shed, and they offered up as a Sacrifice for Man and Womans Sins and Transgressions, the *Lambs, Goats, Rams, Heifers, Pigeons, Doves and Sparrows*, &c. these were put to Death and their Blood shed and offered up for Man and Woman, which were types of Christ Jesus the Lamb of God, in the new Covenant and new Testament, who through the eternal Spirit offered up himself without spot to God, and purgeth our Consciences from dead Works to serve the living God; who said, I come, in the Volume of the Book that is written of me to do the Will of God, namely, the Volume of the Book of Prophecies, Promises, Types, Figures and Shadows, and that he might take away the first (namely) Covenant and Testament, and establish the second (namely) Covenant and Testament, by the which Will (namely) of God we are Sanctified through the offering of the Body of Jesus Christ once for all, for by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are Sanctified, *Heb. 9, 10, chap.*

Here all may see Christ the Lamb of God: (who is the Offering, and offered up his Body by the eternal Spirit of God once for all) endeth all the Offerings and Sacrifices amongst the *Jews*; he the holy Lamb tasted Death for every man that is dead in *Adam*, in their Sins and Transgressions; so he that tasted Death for every man, hath shed his Blood for all men, and so his Blood is sprinkled upon all men, that they might drink it, and have life through the Sanctification of the Spirit,

and Obedience, and Sprinkling of the Blood of Jesus, *Heb. 12. 24*
1 Pet. 1. 2.

So now all in the new Testament and new Covenant are to look to be cleansed and purged by the Blood of the everlasting Covenant, Christ Jesus, which sprinkleth their Consciences and Tabernacle, and in it to have Life, and to know Christ that was Crucified, and dyed for their Sins, and so by the Grace or Favour of God hath tasted Death for every man, so he is the Offering for the Sins of the whole World, which Offering or Sacrifice God doth well accept; who is the Lamb of God that taketh away the Sins of the World, so maketh an end of Sin and finisheth Transgressions, and destroyeth the Devil and his Works, and bringeth in everlasting Righteousness, that all might walk in his Light and Spirit of Grace, in the Truth, and in his everlasting Righteousness, to the praise and glory of God through Christ Jesus, who is a propitiation for our Sins, and not for our Sins only, but for the Sins of the whole World, *And is the one Mediatour betwixt God and Man, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself a Ransom for all, to be testified of in due time, 1 Tim 2. 5, 6. 1 Pet. 1. 18.* So we are Redeemed not with corruptible things, as Silver and Gold, from the outward Figures and Traditions of the *Jews*, and from our vain Conversation, but with the precious Blood of Christ as a Lamb slain, without Blemish and without Spot, who was ordained before the Foundation of the World, but was manifest in these last times for you, who by him do believe in God that raised him up from the Dead, & gave him Glory, that your Faith and Hope might be in God through Christ, as in *1 Pet 1. 21.*

Christ being Offered and Sacrificed for Sins and Transgressions of Men and Women, he endeth all the Offerings and Sacrifices of the Beasts, and other Creatures in the old Testament.

And Christ being Slain and put to Death, and his Blood shed for the Sins and Transgressions of Men and Women, he also made an end of the putting to Death, and Killing, and Slaying, and Shedding the Blood of *Rams, Lambs, Heifers, Goats* and other Creatures for the Sins and Transgressions of Men and Women in the old Testament and Covenant, so the Offering, Sacrificing, putting to Death and shedding the Blood of Christ (I say) putteth an end to that Priesthood that slew and put to Death, and shed the Blood, and Offered, and Sacrificed the outward dumb clean Creatures for the Sins and Transgressions of Men and Women in the old Testament, for the old Testament and Covenant was established by the Blood of the outward clean Crea-

tures, but the new Covenant and new Testament is established by the Blood of Christ, the Blood of the everlasting Covenant, by whose Blood we are Washed, and Cleaned, and Sanctified, and made Clean, and presented to God.

So the clean Beasts were Killed and Slain, and put to Death in the old Covenant, for the Sins of Men and Women.

But Christ in his new Covenant is the Lamb without Blemish, and was Killed, Slain and put to Death for the Sins of the whole World, in the new Covenant.

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THE END.

